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Locals

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Miss Mamie Timmons has returned to her home in Wauchula after a short visit with friends in the city.

Colan Coker, of Bunker, arrived in town this morning to accept a position with the Thomas Gaskins seed store. Mr. Coker is a well known and experienced trucker and grower, and is known to many Arcadians. His friends are glad to see him in the city again.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Mrs. Rhodie Parker returned last night after spending the day in Bartow with friends.

G. W. Arnold, of Bloomington, Illinois, is spending several days in Arcadia on business.

Marshall McKay and wife, of Ona, are spending a day or two in Arcadia visiting friends.

T. Johnson, of Limestone, arrived yesterday afternoon and is spending the day here on business.

Miss Stella Coward, of Ona, was in Arcadia yesterday on a shopping tour. She has returned to her home.

Norman W. Field, of Vincennes, Indiana, arrived here last night and is to spend several days in the city. While here he will be a guest at the Arcadia House.

O. S. Hammond, G. L. Henderson, D. W. Hendrix and J. L. Hendrix, of Charlotte Harbor, arrived here yesterday afternoon and are spending the day in the city on business.

Mayo Dade left this morning for Fort Pierce, on the east coast. He will take the Sebring route. Mr. Dade will go from Fort Pierce to DeLand, where he will spend the holidays with his family.

Sad Death—

Little Jack Avant, aged four, died yesterday at his grandfather's. Finis Parker's home on Joshua Creek. Little Jack had been suffering for the past week with diphtheria. All the

medical attention possible was given him, but to no avail. He died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock.

We regret that we are unable to learn when and where the burial will take place, though in all probability it will be at the Joshua Creek cemetery. The News extends sympathy for the family in this bereavement.

LETTER FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 13, 1916.
Dear News: I thought while I had nothing to do I would drop you people of Arcadia a line to let you know we are still alive.

The regiment is out in the woods fighting sham battles, and will be in tomorrow night if nothing prevents. They left all the "sicks" and "lame" in camp, among those of Company K being Corporal Surrency, in charge of quarters; Corporal Durrance, with fever; Put, Willis, known in camp as "Smiling Beauty," Bugler Blivins, with a sprained ankle, he being better known as "Wind Jammer" Put, Floyd Albritton, with fever, and last of all is Vera Foley, who came staggering in last afternoon, limping and back hurting and "foot sore" which the "hoke" (which is very popular out here, had given him. If I had a picture of him I would send it to you to print. Vera says no more army for him when he once gets out of this. One of the boys remarked the other day that Sergeant Paul Worley was getting "fat and sassy." Paul says it is all a mistake, although he has gained about fifteen pounds in the last two months.

Well, as there is no more news to write I will close.
Yours truly,
A MEMBER OF CO. K.

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PROGRAM COMPLETED FOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Read What Is Said Below, and Get a Good Ready to Perform Your Part. There Must Be No Shirks Among the Givers Or the Receivers, For How Else Can There Be "A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE?"

There is every prospect, good weather permitting, of having one of the most interesting Christmas services ever before held in this city, or elsewhere.

The executive committee held another session last night and completed the program, which will be a most interesting and attractive one.

The exercises will be held just in front of the court house facing Broadway avenue, and one of the beautiful oak trees will be elaborately decorated and lighted for the purpose. The electric light company will also construct a beautiful cross adequately lighted with electric bulbs, which, with the decorations, will make it all well worth coming miles to see. It is confidently expected that every citizen of Arcadia, young and old, will unlike Santa Claus in appearance or graces.

The program will open with several musical selections from the Colonial Symphony Orchestra. This will be followed by remarks from the Hon. C. H. Mitchell, the Grand Old Man, who is chairman of the executive committee, and who is not entirely unlike Santa Claus in appearance.

Next will follow a Grand Chorus, led by the Colonial Symphony Orchestra, and fifty of Arcadia's best singers. This will be followed by a Scripture Reading from Dr. A. J. Holt, editor of the Baptist Witness, who is one of the very few who can read the scriptures without the book before him. The text will be from the Prophecies of Isaiah, 11th chapter and 1-9 verses.

Then follows a Christmas Anthem sung by fifty persons or more, select-

ed from the various church choirs of the city, with piano accompaniment.

Mrs. S. W. Ball, one of Arcadia's most delightful readers, will then give the Shepherd's Story, found in Luke 2nd chapter and 8th to 14th verses.

Another Grand Chorus, led by the Colonial Symphony Orchestra and fifty trained voices will conclude the program, with the exception of the distribution of the presents, which will be done under the following general rules:

All children under 14 years of age are cordially invited, and urgently requested to be in the parade and become the recipient of the gifts. It is earnestly desired by the committee that all will accept this invitation, and that every child in the city below the age mentioned will attend.

Those children who are too small to walk in the parade, may be carried in the arms of father, mother, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, grandparent, servant, or "any other man"—or woman. All are wanted, and all are urged to be in line.

The hour for the beginning of the exercises has been fixed by the committee at 5:15 o'clock, sharp, this early hour being fixed in order to accommodate the little ones. All who can not attend because of sickness or other disability, will be expected to send in their excuses, addressed to Santa Claus, Arcadia, Florida. Otherwise he may look upon you as being inappreciative, and no child wants to be so regarded by Santa Claus.

SHEEP RAISING AS A SIDE LINE WILL PAY.

The present high price of wool has aroused much interest in sheep growing, and many farmers are now thinking of entering this field. C. L. Willoughby, professor of animal husbandry to the College of Agriculture, University of Florida, thinks nearly every farm could support a small flock of sheep to advantage on the rough forages and scanty pastures. But the person who invests in a large number of sheep and lets them run half wild on the range expecting to get rich quick will fail. Sheep raising is one of the oldest arts of the husbandman, and if the beginner expects to succeed he should start with a small flock, increasing its size as

his experience and knowledge increases.

It would be best, probably, to start in sheep raising with a few native ewes and breed up the flock with a pure bred ram. For mutton purposes the Southdown and Shropshire breeds are good, and for wool the Merino and Rambouillet breeds are best. The Rambouillet breed is good for both wool and mutton, and is quite successful in Florida.

The sheep industry has several drawbacks in Florida. Low lands are not well adapted to sheep raising. The warm climate makes it especially difficult to protect sheep from parasites. They must be dipped regularly for lice ticks and scab. The pastures must be rotated frequently to prevent the soil becoming infested with worms and grubs that attack the stomach, intestines and nasal cavities of sheep. Dogs are a constant menace, and the sheep should be well protected each night in a shed or high fenced corral.

It costs comparatively little to get a start in sheep, and they should be given a definite place as a side line on the general farms in north and west Florida. There is little opportunity for a livelihood out of sheep alone.

CHINESE CHILDREN WRITE ON HEALTH.

School Boys and Girls of Pekin Contend for Prizes Offered for Best Essays on Public Health.

Pekin, Dec. 15.—Prizes offered for the best essays on public health have kindled the enthusiasm of Pekin students to a high pitch. A health campaign has been in full swing for some time, and the interest displayed by students in the class room has suggested to the joint council on public health that an essay writing contest would be productive of widespread results. The council, composed of members of the National Medical Association, the China Medical Missionary Association, and the Young Men's Christian Association, has therefore announced three prizes of \$25 (or a gold medal equivalent to that amount), \$20 (or a gold medal), and \$15 (or a silver medal), for the three best essays, the contest to be open to all under graduate students of preparatory schools and colleges.

The subject offered is "Present

Health Conditions in China and How They May Be Further Improved." The essays may be written in either in Chinese or English, and may be anywhere between two and eight thousand words. They must be written in simple style, in duplicate, and must bear the seal of the school which the student attends, and the signature of the principal. The writer's own name must be enclosed on a loose card, which will be given a number corresponding to the number printed on his manuscript. The contest will close on December 31, and the five judges will make their announcements before June 1st of next year.

Many students are already at work on their essays, and it is expected that a very large number will take part in the contest. The committee expects not only to arouse the interest of the public, but also to gain some suggestions in improving health conditions. The prize winning essays will eventually be given to the press for publication.

GREAT DEMAND FOR YALU TIMBER.

Singhai, Dec. 14.—Owing to the stoppage of imports from Hokkaido, and the prohibitive freight rates from the United States, China is obliged to turn from her two former sources of timber supply and use Yalu timber almost exclusively. Shipments to Shanghai and Tientsin are being sustained at a remarkably high rate. In order to meet this demand, the Dairen Kisen Kaisha has put on the service the steamers Isshin and Haku-shin, constructed on a plan suited to the carriage of timber of great length. This company practically monopolizes the timber trade at the present moment, and has cleared a large profit from the traffic since the opening of its Antung branch.

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